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POLYNUCLEOTIDES CONJUGATED  
WITH CHROMOPHORES AND  
FLUOROPHORES TO GENERATE  
DONOR-TO-DONOR ENERGY  
TRANSFER SYSTEM

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